

KEPT IT DARK

Result of Roosevelt-Mellen Talk Is Unknown.

WAS NOT LENGTHY

The President Will Publicly Define His Position on the Railroad Question Before Long.

Washington, March 20.—The conference between President Roosevelt and Charles S. Mellen, president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, on the railroad situation took place at the White House Tuesday. It lasted not more than 30 minutes. No statement as to the particular questions discussed was made at the White House and Mr. Mellen declined to talk. He referred his inquiries to Secretary Loch, adding that anything he might say might be construed as having a bearing upon the situation.

Mr. Mellen was asked whether he would again visit the White House but he replied that he did not expect to unless sent for. Almost in the same breath, however, he said that perhaps he might come after all, even if not sent for, as he is in the habit of making frequent trips to the capital.

Within three weeks President Roosevelt had visits from half a dozen well known financiers and railroad men, with all of whom he has discussed the railroad situation. These include J. P. Morgan and James Spower, of New York; President Stickney, of the Chicago Great Western; B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the board of directors of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; E. H. Harriman, of the Union Pacific, and Charles S. Mellen, of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.

All of these persons have made recommendations as to whether the president should recommend additional railway legislation and most of them have urged him to make a statement defining his attitude in explicit terms with a view to allaying any public misapprehension that may exist. Generally there have been but little approach to unanimity in these recommendations. The president referred his callers to his public declarations upon this subject and told them he means to be consistent with what he has already said.

The president says that he is learning all he can regarding the railroad situation and that he intends to continue to consult with railroad people and others. It is understood he is making inquiries on points pertaining to federal supervision and control of the railroads, an appraisal of the physical valuation of such properties and on the issue of various forms of indebtedness.

When he has made up his mind and is ready to tell the public just what his attitude is on the railroad issue he will do so in a speech or in a message to congress. Some expressions from him are expected on the railroad question during the next few months.

A Dishonest Clerk Is Sentenced.
Washington, March 20.—A sentence of a year and a day in the penitentiary was imposed Tuesday by Justice Barnard on James W. Boyd, formerly disbursing clerk of the marine hospital service. He was indicted on a charge of having obtained about \$1,800 on false vouchers.

The Thaw Trial.
New York, March 20.—By prolonging his cross-examination of one of the witnesses introduced by the defense to testify that Harry K. Thaw was in sane when he killed Stanford White District Attorney Jerome made it impossible for the defense to finally close its case Tuesday. When adjournment was taken there was pending only the matter of the admission of a letter written by Thaw to Donaldson Lyon, a Pittsburgh banker, which Mr. Delmas said would help to fix the young man's state of mind before the tragedy.

Indictments for Alleged Conspiracy.
Baltimore, March 20.—Olin Bryan, former city solicitor, and Walter A. Mason, national bank examiner, were indicted Tuesday by the grand jury on a charge of conspiring to defraud the Munich Reinsurance Co. out of \$42,950. At the time of the alleged conspiracy, March 30, 1906, Mr. Bryan was president and Mason was treasurer of the United Surety Co., of this city. It is alleged that by misrepresentations Bryan and Mason induced the Munich company to invest the amount named in the capital stock of the company. Bail was fixed at \$2,000 each and was given by Bryan. Mason is said to be in the west on government business.

Issued a Temporary Injunction.

Cincinnati, March 20.—A receivership for the People's Gas and Electric Light Company of Xenia, O., an Ohio corporation controlled by the Western Gas and Electric Light Investment Co., a corporation with offices in Chicago, was asked in the United States court here Tuesday by Evelyn Bird, of Chicago, a holder of bonds of the Xenia company. It is charged that the company has been mismanaged. A temporary injunction was issued against the Xenia sheriff, the Western Gas and Investment Co. and others, forbidding any disposition of the plant or its contents pending the receivership suit. March 22 was fixed as the date for hearing arguments on the motion.



MINOR MENTION.

Heavy rains have caused the rivers of northern California to overflow and great damage has resulted.

Arbitration between the state and the railroads may settle the differences over commodity rates and the agitation for lower passenger fares on railroads in Minnesota.

Justice Moody, of the supreme court of the United States, has allowed a writ of error to bring to the court the case involving the consolidation of the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny.

Brig. Gen. John Moore, U. S. A., retired, former surgeon general of the army, is dead at Washington, aged 81 years. He served at the head of the medical department of the army from 1886 to 1890.

Mrs. Annie Hoyt, 64 years of age was burned to death and her son Thomas, aged 36, was so severely burned that he probably will die when a lamp exploded in their home in Jersey City.

All the laborers in the mills of the Republic Iron & Steel Company at East Chicago, have struck for higher wages, 1,200 men walking out and completely tying up the establishment. The men have been receiving \$1.75 a day and demand \$2.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich Dies.
Boston, March 20.—Thomas Bailey Aldrich, the author, died at his home in this city Tuesday. He failed to rally from a surgical operation performed about a month ago. He was born at Portsmouth, N. H., November 11, 1836. He held editorial positions on the New York Evening Mirror, the Home Journal and for a time edited the Atlantic Monthly. He was the author of many books of fiction and poetry.

Are Preparing for a Naval Attack.
Mobile, Ala., March 20.—The steamer Mercator, arriving here from Puerto Cortez, Honduras, reports that within the past two weeks the Honduras government has drafted practically all the men of that place. When the Mercator left Puerto Cortez, what men were left, aided by some women were throwing up entrenchments to protect the place from a threatened attack by the Nicaraguan navy.

Thaw Donates to Flood Sufferers.
Pittsburg, March 20.—Mayor Guthrie, of this city, received a letter Tuesday from Harry K. Thaw in which check for \$100 was enclosed to aid persons suffering from the flood of last week. The mayor replied that no fund had been raised in Pittsburg, but that one had been raised in Allegheny and asked what disposition should be made of the money.

Railroaders' Wages to be Raised.
Owosso, Mich., March 20.—General Manager Lowell, of the Ann Arbor road, has completed arrangements with the employees which involve an increase in wages amounting to 10 per cent. for conductors, switchmen, brakemen, engineers and firemen.

Falling Wall Killed Two Men.
Baltimore, March 20.—Jacob Balyan and Louis Elenoff were killed and Louis Balyan was injured by the collapse of a wall of a house on North High street, Tuesday. The men were tearing down the wall when it fell up on them.

Train Robbers Escaped with \$7,500.
Yekaterinoslav, Russia, March 20.—Ten armed men held up a train on the outskirts of this town Tuesday and secured \$7,500 in cash, with which they made their escape.

Ohio River Recedes at Cincinnati.
Cincinnati, March 20.—The Ohio river began to recede Tuesday afternoon and at 6 o'clock last night registered 61.9 feet, a fall of two-tenths in five hours. It is now believed that the flood here is practically over and nothing but violent local storms and daily swelling the Ohio and tributaries will materially change the situation.

Schools Close Because of Epidemic.
Chagrin Falls, O., March 20.—Measles is epidemic here and Tuesday the public schools were closed on account of it. It is estimated that in the village 200 children are down with the disease. Many have pneumonia with the measles. There have been four deaths within the past few days from the disease.

AN EASY REPLY.



OREGON MAN

Gives Startling Evidence at Washington.

HERRMANN TRIAL

Brings Out Story of Blackmail Paid Witness for Favorable Report on Fraudulent Land Entries.

Washington, March 20.—Dr. Clark B. Loomis, who is under indictment in Oregon in what is known as the Herrmann-Puter conspiracy case and also in a "fencing" case, was the principal witness in the Herrmann trial Tuesday. Dr. Loomis was produced by the government to show as United States Attorney Baker stated that Mr. Herrmann had reason to destroy his letter books, for which act he is being tried.

Dr. Loomis identified about 25 letters which constituted a correspondence between himself and Mr. Herrmann as commissioner. Nearly all of the letters to Mr. Herrmann, the witness said he had marked and regarded as confidential and learned for the first time yesterday that they had been placed in the files of the land office. The original answers from Mr. Herrmann were secured by the government from the papers of Dr. Loomis, no record of them being found in the land office. A series of the letters related to alleged falsification of accounts by Dr. Loomis and in one letter he begged to be allowed to resign. Mr. Herrmann replied that he did not want the doctor to resign.

Dr. Loomis admitted that he had "held up" S. A. D. Puter for \$500 with which to defend himself for certain reports he had made on 12 of Puter's homestead claims and that he had previously received a like amount from Puter as expense money for examining and reporting on the claims. Puter has been convicted in a case which is known as the "seven-eleven" case. He is now here to testify for the government at the present hearing.

Under cross-examination the witness said that an attorney named Hardy had approached him in Oregon during the pendency of the "seven-eleven" case and said he could "fix it" for him. Hardy saw the government's attorneys and the witness several times. Finally Hardy told Loomis that the government attorneys "did not care a d— about the seven-eleven" case, but if you can tell them anything about Mitchell or Herrmann.

A quick objection by United States Attorney Baker interrupted the remark. It was moved to strike out the answer, but Justice Stafford allowed it to stand. However, when the witness began to detail conversations regarding immunity which he had with Puter after the latter's conviction, other objections were interposed and the adjournment for the day came before a decision as to their admission was reached.

Fell From a Dizzy Height.

Chicago, March 20.—An unidentified workman, who was repairing a fire escape on the roof of the Railway Exchange building Tuesday, lost his balance and fell to the pavement, 14 stories below. The body turned several times in its descent and struck the granite pavement in Michigan avenue with terrific force. It was mangled almost beyond recognition.

Nine People Killed.

Torreon, Mexico, March 20.—Nine persons, eight of them children, were killed Tuesday and many others injured at Durango, Mexico, by the collapse of the roof of the public school building while the rooms were crowded with pupils.

Indicted Officials are Suspended.

Columbus, O., March 20.—The city council last night suspended for 10 days Messrs. Burr, Imms and Lied of the public service board, who were recently indicted on bribery charges.

FALSE TRAIL

Was Followed by Detectives at Erie, Pa.

MADE A MISTAKE.

Search for a Kidnapped Boy Ended When Sleuths Ran Against a Case of Mistaken Identity.

Erie, Pa., March 20.—Early this morning detectives returned from the search and reported that the boy supposed to have been Horace Marvin Jr., of Kline Hammock, Del., is the son of a Fredonia, N. Y., couple. It seems that a woman of Fredonia separated from her husband and pending proceedings for a divorce brought her young son to this city. According to the authorities this boy answers the general description of young Marvin.

At 8 o'clock last night it was said several detectives found a clue to the boy's whereabouts and shortly after that hour a number of officers left Erie in carriages for a point located three miles outside of the city limits. The search was very complicated. Apparently no two persons were working in conjunction and as a result numerous reports concerning the kidnapped lad were in circulation. Although the boy's presence has been suspected here since Monday afternoon, the local police authorities were not notified of the fact and did not take up the search until Tuesday.

Attorney A. P. Howard was positive during the last two days that he could produce the missing boy, but not before Dr. Marvin came to Erie from Delaware.

Late last night District Attorney Gifford, of Erie county, called upon Howard and demanded that he produce the boy. A conference was arranged and shortly after midnight Mayor Liebel, Gifford, Assistant District Attorney Carroll, Chief of Police Wagner and detectives, representing private agencies, accompanied by Attorney Howard, went to the home of Mrs. Belle Sticker, No. 2124 Myrtle street, at which place Attorney Howard insisted the Marvin lad was located.

The lad was readily produced and the resemblance to the description of young Marvin was instantly apparent. Chief of Police Wagner placed every one in the house under arrest and it was not until after Dr. Bell, an Erie physician, stated positively that he had treated the boy in Erie before Horace Marvin was kidnapped, that the officials realized a mistake had been made. It then developed that the boy was from Fredonia, N. Y. The officials immediately dispersed and the search for Horace Marvin Jr. was ceased.

Neither Ship Can be Saved.

London, March 20.—The White Star liner steamer Suevic, which ran ashore near the Lizard lighthouse March 17, is still in an exceedingly dangerous position. There appears to be but little chance of refloating the steamer. The seas are running high and it is thought that if she remains long in her present position she will break in two. The work of salvage has had to be discontinued. The steamer Jebba, which ran aground March 18 almost within sight of the Suevic, also is in a dangerous position and there is little hope of saving this vessel.

RIVERS RISE AGAIN.

Another Flood Is Expected in the Pittsburgh District.

Pittsburg, March 20.—The Monongahela, Allegheny, Ohio, Youghiogheny and Kiskiminetos rivers are rising rapidly on account of heavy rains throughout western Pennsylvania. Creeks in this vicinity are already swollen beyond their banks. At 10 o'clock last night the stage registered here was 16 feet. Forecaster Penny witt, of the weather bureau, predicts a 25-foot stage by this afternoon. If this stage is realized it is sufficient to inundate the lowlands of Allegheny county.

Everybody located in the flood zone is taking precautions to protect property. People are moving out of the houses located in the lower part of Allegheny. Business houses in the downtown district of Pittsburgh and Allegheny are moving their goods to higher floors after a majority of them had just finished moving the goods into basements, following the recent great flood.

At Connellsville, Pa., the Youghiogheny river is rising remarkably fast. Throughout that vicinity it is said the high water will exceed that of last week. Mount creek rose a foot higher Tuesday than during the last flood. The tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad are submerged between Connellsville and Scottsdale. Over half the traffic was abandoned on the main line last night. Dunbar creek overflowed its banks, inundating a portion of Dunbar, while New Haven is almost submerged.

A Crash at a Crossing.

Pottsville, Pa., March 20.—A Philadelphia & Reading freight train ran down a carriage containing three officials of the Schuylkill Haven Gas Co., at a crossing three miles south of here Tuesday, and probably fatally injured two of them. The injured, James Bowen, superintendent of the company, who is suffering with a broken back, Charles Kline, Cresson, a badly cut about the body, head and legs, William Krommes, Cresson, both legs broken and believed to be fatally injured.



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x!!-!- Cranky and!! x!!-! Because!!-!- x!! Don't Digest x!!-!-!

There are many people who can see nothing good in a doughnut except the hole. For them there is nothing in this world but calamity. Their greatest trouble is to have to eat three times a day. The stomach is in rebellion, and this is immediately shown in a man's face. A man to be successful must have sunshine inside. The world already has too many dyspepsia faces that breathe disaster and gloom.

Stomach trouble is the most common cause of discontent, sour face, recklessness, disgust and lack of ambition. A bad stomach—there is the secret of many a failure. Anyone can have a good stomach, a strong stomach—a stomach that can take care of anything and everything that is put into it, no matter whether it is a very bad stomach or not.

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ELLIS INTERPRETS THE LAW.

He Issues a Statement Regarding Election of Township Officers This Fall.

Columbus, O., March 20.—In an opinion rendered to Secretary of State Thompson, Attorney General Ellis makes an interpretation of the law as to what township officers are to be elected at the municipal elections to be held this fall.

He holds that successors will be elected at that election to all justices of the peace and township trustees who were elected in November, 1904, and qualified in 1905; that successors will not be chosen this fall to constables who were elected in November, 1905, for three years. The successors to these are not to be elected until November, 1909, and will take their offices in January, 1910.

Township trustees who were elected in 1905 for three years will serve until January, 1910, their successors being elected in November, 1909. Township trustees who were elected in April, 1903, and November, 1904, will have their successors elected in November, 1907, for two years each.

All assessors will be elected again at the election next November.

Murder and Incendiarism.
Sedalia, Mo., March 20.—Frank Smith, a farmer, aged 50 years, was shot and killed at his home near Lila on early Tuesday by an unknown person who escaped. Mrs. Smith covered the house to be in flames and awakened her husband, who was just emerging from the front door when shot. It is believed the fire was started by the assassin.

Steel Plant Tied Up by a Strike.
Hennimond, Ind., March 20.—On Tuesday 600 men employed by the In ter-State Steel Co. struck for an advance of 25 cents a day. The greater part of the men who went out are laborers, but the strike has practically tied up the plant.

Walsh Must Appear and Plead.
Chicago, March 20.—Judge Anderson in the federal court Tuesday decided that John R. Walsh, ex-principal of the Chicago national bank, should appear before him April 1 and enter his plea to the 140 counts of the indictment charging him with misapplication of the funds of a national bank.

Red Cross Will Help Flood Sufferers.

Columbus, O., March 20.—At the request of Gov. Harris, who is president of the Ohio branch of the Red Cross, that organization has undertaken the work of raising means with which to relieve the flood sufferers in the southern part of the state. The state officers of the Ohio branch met here Tuesday and resolved to call upon the churches and commercial bodies of the state for help. A resolution was adopted calling upon the national organization of the Red Cross for \$5,000 for use in this work and asking Cleveland, Cincinnati and Toledo Red Cross organizations for aid.

A Warning to Druggists.

Columbus, O., March 20.—State Dairy and Food Commissioner Dunlap has issued a letter to the retail drug trade warning the druggists against the use of wood alcohol in the compounding of drugs, whether for internal or external use. Also against the use of low grade alcohols. He announced his intention to enforce the laws as to labels, with strict regard. He advises all druggists to provide themselves with copies of the United States Pharmacopoeia and to see that their products meet the requirements of that publication.

Will Supply Gas to Many Cities.

Cincinnati, March 20.—Negotiations which were in progress for more than a year are completed for the lease of the Cincinnati, Newport and Covington Light and Traction Co. by the Columbia Gas and Electric Co. The company owns thousands of acres of gas lands in West Virginia and a short time ago acquired control of the Cleveland gas properties. It is said to be the intention of the Columbia company to pipe gas to Covington and Newport and eventually to Cincinnati, supplying natural gas to this city.

Duchesses' Anxieties.

In an age when high-born girls marry chauffeurs, grocers, bookmakers and others of a similar social grade it may be forgiven to mothers if they are extremely particular as to what acquaintances their girls may make.—Duchess, in the Throne.

The True Sportsman.

The sporting spirit is to be developed far from the midnight baccarat table, far from Tattersall's ring, and far from the public billiard saloon and to be a true sportsman it is necessary to cultivate the spirit of Sir Galahad, to aim at a sane mind in a healthy body, and to have an abhorrence for loud talking, swaggering habits, and all conduct beneath the dignity of a gentleman.—Fry's Magazine.

Saved by Hope.

We are saved by hope. Never man hoped too much, or repented that he had hoped. The plague is that we don't hope in God half enough. Hope never hurt any one—never yet interfered with duty; nay, it always strengthens to the performance of duty, gives courage, and clears the judgment. Hope is the most rational thing in the universe.—George MacDonald.

Christian Fortitude.

As the vacant air we breathe is full of germs of this world's life, or what seems the empty things of common life are full of potencies for life eternal. Our passing spites and worries may be sordid enough; but the thankfulness and patience which overcome them belong to a world which passeth not away.—Henry M. Gwatkin.

Strength of Beverages.

Wine of medium strength contains 14 to 16 per cent. alcohol; port wine, 15 per cent.; sherry, from 15 to 21 per cent.; champagne, 8 to 9 per cent.; beer averages from 2 to 6 per cent.; whiskey, about 35 per cent.; brandy, about 50 per cent.—Automobile Magazine.

Survey of Brazilian Rivers.

A survey has been authorized by the Brazilian government of the Rivers Purus, Acre and Juruá, with the object of improving the navigation upon them. There seems to be no prospect of the great Amazonian territory reached by these rivers being opened up in any other way.

Life is What We Make It.

Each day is a little chapter in your book of life. Some days are sweet and some are sad. But you may be sure of one thing, and that is that you are the author of your own book and every chapter—sad or sweet—is of your own making.

Good Fiction.

"Will the novelist ever write 'rich but honest'?" asks a contemporary. Very likely. At any rate, it's good fiction.

Good Nature Charms.

Good natured faces, even though they be plain, have a certain element that often passes for good looks.—Exchange.

Beware of Conceit.

However exalted our position, we should not despise the powers of the humble.—Phaedrus.

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